

Shelby County Board of Commissioners



Mike Ritz, Chairman

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Commissioner Mike Ritz was first elected to the Shelby County Board of Commissioners in August 2006 and currently serves as the **Chairman of the Board of Commissioners**.

Commissioner Ritz is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a Master of Regional and City Planning. He served as the first Director of the Memphis and Shelby County Office of Planning and Development where he managed a rewrite of the zoning and subdivision ordinances to encourage planned developments to support infill and development of small sites to discourage urban sprawl. He consults with cities on city planning, annexation, and economic development policies. He is a retired executive of Leader Federal and Union Planters, and currently owns Ritz Investments where he manages personal investments, and provides city planning and financial consulting and brokerage services. He is a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He recently retired his license as a Tennessee Professional Engineer but remains a licensed Tennessee Real Estate Broker.

Mr. Ritz has led the efforts of many community-based activities. He secured the applications for federal assistance for the renovation of the Peabody Hotel and the Orpheum Theatre. He chaired the original Shelby County Emergency Communications "911" Board; began the efforts to help reclaim the Midtown right of way for residential development in the Interstate 40 and Overton Park conflict; chaired the Depot Redevelopment Corporation of Memphis & Shelby County; and chaired Boy Scout Troop 359 Advancement. He is a 1983 graduate of Leadership Memphis and a 2002 graduate of Leadership Germantown.



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During his initial four year term as a County Commissioner, Mr. Ritz served as Chairman of the Land Use Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee. He also chaired the Ad Hoc Ethics Committee which led to a stringent Countywide Ethics Ordinance. His chairmanship of the Ad Hoc Adult Oriented Business Committee led to the County's adoption of a very strong Adult Oriented Business Ordinance.

Commissioner Ritz is married and he and his wife are active members of Germantown United Methodist Church.

